

Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club

2015–2016 Season

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Inshore Notice of Race

The Organising Authority is the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club Incorporated (RPNYC)

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1 Event

- 1.1 This Notice of Race covers all racing except: Offshore Races; Coastal Races (including the Fitzroy Bay Race); the Port Nicholson Regatta; Corporate Races; match-racing events; races organised by the Port Nicholson Yachting Trust; and any other race or series that the Organising Authority may at any time specify.
- 1.2 For any race or series, the Organising Authority may issue a separate Notice of Race that may replace, modify or supplement this Notice of Race.

2 Rules

General and Safety Rules

- 2.1 All racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing along with the Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws.
- 2.2 For the purposes of the preamble to Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, the government right-of-way rules include Maritime Rule Parts 22 and 91, and the Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws, to the extent that they provide for right-of-way.
- 2.3 Compliance with Safety Regulations:
 - (a) All yachts shall comply with Part II of the Yachting New Zealand (YNZ) Safety Regulations, Category 5 upgraded to include a VHF transceiver, bosun's chair and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ 4633.
 - (b) Alternatively, trailer yachts may comply with Part V of the YNZ Safety Regulations, Category C upgraded to include a VHF transceiver and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ 4633. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1 to 2.5 will apply to trailer yachts.
 - (c) Alternatively, sports boats may comply with Part VI of the YNZ Safety Regulations, Category A upgraded to include a waterproof VHF transceiver, one 'First aid kit–basic' (as described in the YNZ Safety Regulations Appendix A), at least 10 litres of fuel and Wellington Harbour Chart NZ 4633. In addition, YNZ Safety Regulations Part V paragraphs 2.1 to 2.5 will apply to sports boats.
 - (d) Alternatively, E6 class yachts may comply with the following:
 - (i) Crew members shall wear buoyancy vests or lifejackets in good repair properly secured about their persons and complying with YNZ Safety Regulations Appendix 4, at all times while afloat;
 - (ii) Yachts shall carry a waterproof VHF radio;
 - (iii) Yachts shall collectively provide a dedicated support vessel, which shall carry a suitable first aid kit, and be crewed by a minimum of two crew.
 - (e) Yachts complying with paragraph 2.3(a), (b) or (c) shall carry a serviceable inboard or outboard engine and propeller capable of driving the yacht in smooth water at a speed exceeding $\sqrt{LWL(m)} \times 3.28$ knots.

- (f) Despite paragraph 2.3(e), classic yachts may compete without an engine provided that there is a support boat (approved by the Race Officer) available. A decision to approve or not approve a support boat, and any failure by the Race Committee to provide a support boat, will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

Paragraph 2.3(f) was amended by NTC13 on 7 December 2015.

- 2.4 There will be a moving prohibited zone extending to 100m astern and 100m to each side, and continuing at such width to 500m ahead, of every vessel larger than 500 GRT.
- 2.5 Crew shall wear lifejackets at all times, unless the person-in-charge of the yacht considers that conditions are such that there is no significant increase in the risk to safety to any person through not wearing a lifejacket, and expressly gives permission for lifejackets not to be worn.
- 2.6 Yachts and crew shall comply with any guidelines published by the Race Committee regarding the wearing of lifejackets.
- 2.7 Yachts may be required to carry a tracking device provided by the Organising Authority. If so required, yachts shall follow the operating instructions provided by the Organising Authority.

Special rules for E6 class yachts, sports boats, and the classic yachts:

- 2.8 E6 class yachts may enter and compete at the Race Committee's discretion. The Race Officer may direct E6 class yachts not to compete in a given race. A decision to allow or prevent such a yacht to enter or compete will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 2.9 E6 class yachts shall not sail south of the No 1 leading light (but may use the No 1 leading light as a rounding mark).
- 2.10 Sports boats that do not comply with paragraph 2.3(a) or 2.3(b) shall not sail south of the No 1 leading light (but may use the No 1 leading light as a rounding mark) unless at least two support boats are available. The second support boat will be provided by the Organising Authority. The failure of the Organising Authority to provide a second support boat will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 2.11 The Organising Authority will not set a course that requires sports boats to sail south of the No 1 leading light (but may use the No 1 leading light as a rounding mark) for any race in the Spring Series, Alan Martin Series, Autumn Series, or At Home Series.
- 2.11A Classic yachts may enter and compete at the Race Committee's discretion. The Race Officer may direct one or more classic yachts not to compete in a given race. A decision to allow or prevent classic yachts to enter or compete will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

Paragraph 2.11A was added, and the heading to this section was amended, by NTC13 on 7 December 2015.

IRC and PHRF Rules

- 2.12 The IRC Rules 2015 Parts A, B and C apply to yachts competing under IRC.
- 2.13 IRC rules 22.4.1 and 22.4.2 will not apply.
- 2.14 For the purposes of IRC rule 21.1.5(d), this racing is not on consecutive days and the sails carried need not remain the same.
- 2.15 IRC and/or PHRF certificate compliance measurement may be conducted at any time.

Changes to Racing Rules

- 2.16 Racing rules will be changed as follows. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - (a) Yachts with lifting keels shall have keels locked in the down position and not moved whilst racing. This changes rule 51.
 - (b) Yachts with movable ballast, in the form of a canting keel or water ballast, may move that ballast to increase or decrease weight, or to change trim or stability. This changes rule 51.
 - (c) Rule 52 will not apply to the adjustment of a canting keel or water ballast.

- (d) For protests where only a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.

Duty Yachts

- 2.17 All entered yachts will be rostered as a 'duty yacht' for up to six twilight and weekend race days. Rostered duty yachts shall each supply one volunteer to assist in the start box, on a support boat, or with hospitality as determined by the Race Committee, regardless of whether the yacht actually races on that day. Until Opening Day, and subject to availability, yachts may choose which days they will provide volunteers for. On Opening Day, the Race Committee will allocate yachts to all remaining days on the duty yacht roster.
- 2.18 The Organising Authority may require a yacht to conduct compliance checks on another yacht. Compliance checks may comprise safety, measurement and/or membership checks.

3 Advertising

- 3.1 Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

4 Eligibility and Entry

Eligibility

- 4.1 Racing is open to all multihull and self-righting monohull yachts.
- 4.2 Entries will be accepted from yachts registered on the RPNYC Yacht Register (RPNYC yachts) and from visiting yachts. The Organising Authority may, but is not required to, permit a yacht on the RPNYC Yacht Register to enter as a visiting yacht.
- 4.3 Visiting yachts will not be eligible for RPNYC trophies, but will be eligible for prizes.
- 4.4 The Organising Authority may accept, reject or subsequently cancel the entry of a visiting yacht for any reason.

Membership requirements

- 4.5 For all races except Rum races:
- (a) 80% of the crew of an RPNYC yacht shall be:
- (i) a Senior Member, Junior Member, Family Member, Veteran Member or an Honorary Life Member of the RPNYC; or
 - (ii) a General Member who is a current financial senior member of another YNZ and WYA affiliated yacht club, provided that the person has sailed in fewer than 10 RPNYC races in the current financial year; or
 - (iii) a General Member who, not then being a member of RPNYC, completed a Wellington Ocean Sport Centre course within two months prior to application for membership, and became a General Member in the current financial year; or
 - (iv) a current financial member of an Affiliated Club, provided that the person's details have been provided to the RPNYC by the Affiliated Club member.
- (b) 80% of the crew of a visiting yacht shall be financial members of a club recognised by the crew member's national authority.
- 4.6 No person who is not a financial member of a club recognised by the person's national authority shall sail in more than three races (excluding Rum races).
- 4.7 The Organising Authority may exempt a yacht from the requirements of clauses 4.5 and 4.6. The refusal to exempt a yacht from the requirements of clauses 4.5 and 4.6 will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 4.8 There are no membership requirements for Rum races.

Entries

- 4.9 Eligible yachts may enter by either:
- (a) completing the entry form and sending it, together with the yacht's IRC and/or PHRF rating certificates, safety declaration and the entry fee, to the Organising Authority; or
 - (b) completing the online entry process on the RPNYC's website.
- 4.10 Entries shall be lodged on the RPNYC website at least two hours prior to the scheduled start time of the race or event in which the entrant wishes to participate. The Organising Authority may, but is not required to, accept a paper entry. A refusal to accept a paper entry will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 4.11 A late entry may be accepted by the Organising Authority at any time, including after a race has been completed. A refusal to accept a late entry will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 4.12 The Organising Authority may, at any time and for any race, require entrants to:
- (a) nominate one crew member to be the person-in-charge for the purposes of rule 46; and/or
 - (b) provide name(s), contact details and details of club membership of the crew.

5 Fees

Event	Entry Fee
All racing over the entire season	\$275
All racing prior to New Year's Day	\$165
All racing on or after New Year's Day	\$165
All racing in any individual series	\$85
All racing on any individual race day	\$30
Rum races	No fee

6 Schedule

- 6.1 A representative of each yacht intending to race in the 2015–2016 season shall attend a pre-season briefing in the RPNYC clubhouse at 1900 hrs on Wednesday 9 September 2015.
- 6.2 The racing schedule will be published in the RPNYC Almanac and on the RPNYC website.

7 Sailing Instructions

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the RPNYC website no later than 1200 hrs on Wednesday 9 September 2015, and will be available at the pre-season briefing.

8 Venue

- 8.1 The races will be held within Wellington Harbour including the south coast as far as Island Bay.

9 The Courses

- 9.1 Windward–leeward, triangle and/or harbour courses may be sailed.

10 Scoring

Divisions

- 10.1 The Organising Authority may allocate yachts into divisions.
- 10.2 Divisional racing will be for Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3. Fleet racing will be for the Combined Division only. The Combined Division comprises all yachts.

- 10.3 A yacht will be eligible for the Classic Yacht Championship Series if she was built prior to 1940 or to a pre-1940 design using traditional materials and methods. The Race Committee may, where appropriate, permit other yachts to enter the Classic Yacht Championship Series.

Handicaps

- 10.4 Except for Rum races and the Classic Yacht Championship Series, races will be scored on elapsed time and for corrected time using IRC and PHRF ratings and the applicable General Handicap.
- 10.5 Rum races and the Classic Yacht Championship Series will be scored on elapsed time and General Handicap only.
- 10.6 The General Handicap will be a formula-derived performance handicap that adjusts after each race based on the performances for that race and any prior races. Different General Handicaps may be maintained for Fleet, Divisional, Twilight, Two Handed and Rum racing.
- 10.7 IRC and PHRF results will be calculated for all yachts with an IRC or PHRF handicap, unless the yacht advises the Race Committee that it is not sailing in its measured configuration.

The Season Championship

- 10.8 The Season Championship will be scored on General Handicap, PHRF, and IRC.
- 10.9 A yacht's score will be the sum of her series scores for the Spring Series, Alan Martin Series, and Autumn Series. If a yacht does not have a series score in one or more of those series, her score for those series will be the number of yachts in the Season Championship plus one.
- 10.10 No scores will be excluded.

The Spring Series, Alan Martin Series, and Autumn Series

- 10.11 The scheduled number of race days, and the maximum number of races per day is:

Series	Scheduled Days	Maximum Races/day
Spring Series	4	3
Alan Martin Series	4	3
Autumn Series	4	3

- 10.12 When fewer than four races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.13 When four or more races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, with a further worst score to be excluded after eight and 12 races.
- 10.14 The minimum number of races to be completed is two.

Other series

- 10.15 The following table shows each series that will be scored, the scheduled number of races in the series and the minimum number of races required to be completed to constitute the series.

Series	Scheduled Races	Minimum Races
Twilight 1 Series	5	2
Twilight 2 Series	5	2
Regatta Warm-up Series	5	2
Island Bay Series	2	1
Two Handed Series	4	2
Classic Yacht Championship Series	8	2
At Home Series	5	2

10.16 For the Regatta Warm-up Series:

- (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When four or more race races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.16A For the Island Bay Series:

- (a) A yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) A yacht will only receive a series score when if she starts every completed race in the series.

Paragraph 10.16A was added by NTC10 on 6 November 2015.

10.17 For all other series:

- (a) One race per day is scheduled.
- (b) When fewer than all scheduled races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When all scheduled races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (d) A yacht will only be scored in a series if she has entered and come to the starting area in at least two races in the series.

11 Prizes

- 11.1 The Organising Authority may award trophies for the winners of specific races, series or divisions or sections within a race or series. The Organising Authority shall issue a schedule of trophies prior to the end-of-season prize-giving.
- 11.2 RPNYC trophies may only be awarded to yachts entered as RPNYC yachts. If, but for this paragraph, a trophy would have been awarded to a visiting yacht, then the trophy will instead be awarded to the highest placed RPNYC yacht.
- 11.3 Eligibility for class trophies requires yachts to comply with their class rules.

12 Disclaimer of Liability

- 12.1 Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk. Refer to rule 4. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

13 Insurance

- 13.1 Each yacht that races shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000.00 per event.

14 Further Information

- 14.1 For further information, please visit www.rpnyc.org.nz.